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Reply To: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Attn: CEMVS-CO-F 1222 Spruce Street

St. Louis, MO 63103-2833

Public Notice No.

P-2376

Public Notice Date

April 09, 2003

Expiration Date

April 30, 2003

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Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received for a Department of the Army permit for certain work in waters of the United States, as described below and shown on the attached map.

<u>COMMENTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:</u> Comments on the described work should reference the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers File Number shown above and must reach this office no later than the above expiration date of the Public Notice to become part of the record and be considered in the decision. Comments should be mailed to the following address:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ATTN: CEMVS-CO-F (Alan Edmondson) 1222 Spruce Street St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2833

<u>APPLICANT:</u> John's Boat Harbor, c/o: John E. and Glenna J. Tolliver, 2407 Highway C, St. Charles, Missouri 63301. (636) 946-2073

LOCATION: The site of the proposed activity can be accessed by traveling north on Missouri Highway "C" from Interstate 70. The boat harbor is located northeast of Dardenne Creek on the banks of the Mississippi River. Specifically, the site is located in the Southeast ¼ of Section 36, Township 48 North, Range 03 East, St. Charles County, Missouri. The proposed activity would occur in the approach way to John's Boat Harbor, along the right descending bank of the Mississippi River at approximate mile 231.5, above the confluence of the Ohio River. (See Attached Location Maps).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant was unable to perform the activities initially authorized by Permit Number P-2065, and therefore seeks reauthorization to remove approximately 4,500 cubic yards of accumulated river sediment by use of contracted hydraulic dredging equipment. In addition, the applicant seeks reauthorization to complete the authorized revetment of approximately 850 feet of bankline. Of the original 850 feet of authorized activity, approximately 500 feet remain. Increased levels of silt deposition occurred during past high water events, causing difficulties for the safe passage of deep keeled vessels. The applicant seeks authorization to redeposit the dredged material by open water disposal into the Mississippi River, approximately 100 yards perpendicular and immediately downstream of the dredging area.

<u>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:</u> Additional information may be obtained by contacting Alan Edmondson, Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at (314) 331-8811 or at electronic mail address: alan.r.edmondson@mvs02.usace.army.mil

<u>AUTHORITY:</u> This permit will be processed under the provisions of Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403) and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344).

<u>WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION:</u> The project plans have been submitted to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Water Pollution Control Program for state certification of the proposed work in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. The certification, if issued, will express the Agency's opinion that the proposed activities will not violate applicable water quality standards. Written comments concerning possible impacts to waters of Missouri should be addressed to: Water Pollution Control Program, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0176, with copy provided to the Corps of Engineers.

SECTION 404 (b)(1) EVALUATION: The impact of the activity on the public interest will be evaluated in accordance with the Environmental Protection Agency guidelines pursuant to Section 404 (b)(1) of the Clean Water Act.

<u>PUBLIC HEARING:</u> Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Request for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding the public hearing.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: The proposed project is within the range of the endangered Indiana bat (<u>Myotis sodalis</u>), Gray bat (<u>Myotis gricescens</u>), Pallid sturgeon (<u>Scaphirhycchus albus</u>), and the threatened Bald eagle (<u>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</u>). A preliminary determination, in compliance with the Endangered Species Act as amended, has been made that this proposed activity will not affect species designated as threatened or endangered, or adversely affect critical habitat. In order to complete our evaluation, comments are solicited by this public notice from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other interested agencies and individuals.

<u>CULTURAL RESOURCES:</u> The St. Louis District will evaluate information provided by the State Historic Preservation Officer and the public in response to this public notice and we may conduct, or require a reconnaissance survey of the project area.

EVALUATION: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the described activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which may reasonably be expected to accrue from the described activity must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors, which may be relevant to the described activity will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion, and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, consideration of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of these proposed activities. Any comments received will be considered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

Attachments

Danny McClendon Chief, Regulatory Branch

NOTICE TO POSTMASTERS:

It is requested that this notice be conspicuously and continually placed for 21 days from the date of this issuance of this notice.

St. Louis Area Maps, Inc.

Scale: 1" = 3.16 Miles

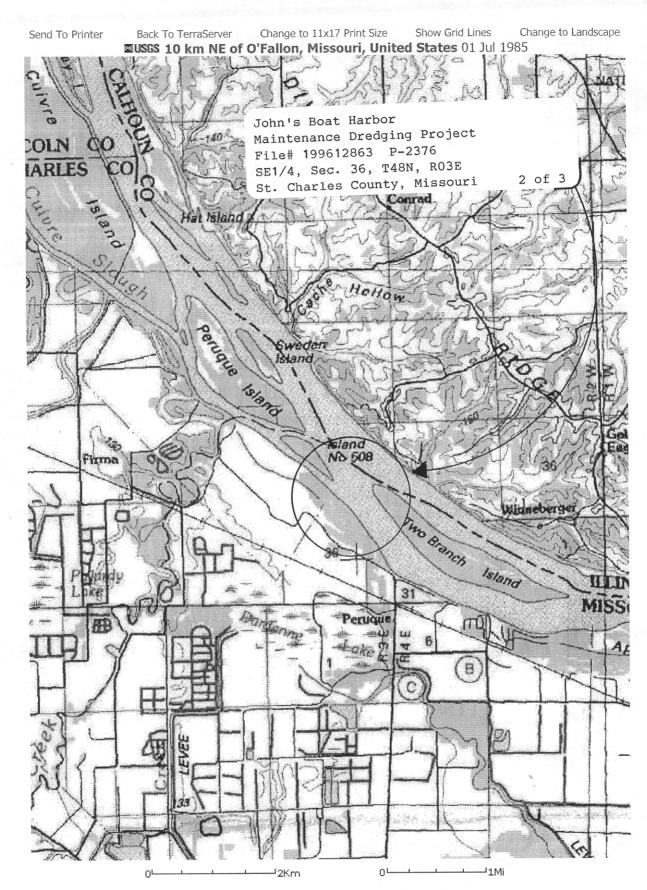


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